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Rebecca Landsberry

Letter from the Editor:

Hensci readers! I speak for everyone on my staff when I tell you how thrilled we were to be able to attend the annual California Muscogee (Creek) Association meeting in Los Angeles this past weekend. We truly felt welcomed by the citizens there who have put in much hard work and effort to keep their connection to the tribe strong, even though they are living thousands of miles away from the tribal complex here in Okmulgee.

The staff and I also got the opportunity to cover a day of events at the National Congress of American Indians meeting in Palm Springs, Cali., during our trip and it was a humbling experience to be in the presence of so many tribal leaders, including a few of our own National Council Representatives and Executive Branch members.

It was a little hard to leave the beautiful scenery with the mountains cradling the roads and the palm trees swaying in the slight breeze at a perfect 72 degrees. I was ultimately more than thrilled to hit the runway in Oklahoma, even if I had to drag my sweaters out of the closet this weekend. I'm thankful for my home here and the wonderful friends and family in the state, but it's great to experience new people and places as well. I would encourage everyone to make the trek at least once in their lifetime if they can!

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@musco-

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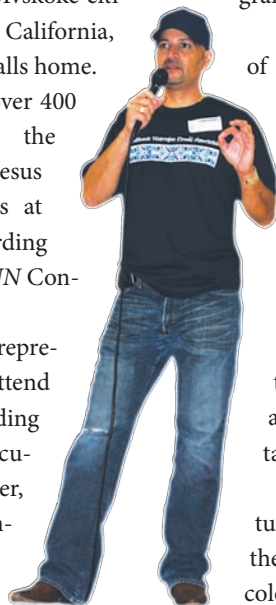


by Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

LOS ANGELES — Sunny, warm and inviting - all words that could be used to describe the city of Los Angeles in general. The same could be said for the Mvskoke citizens inhabiting the state of California, where the tight-knit group calls home.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, over 400 attendees passed through the doors of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at the annual gathering, according to CMCA Historian and MNN Contributor George Windes.

A number of tribal representatives were invited to attend the meeting this year including Chief of Staff Mike Flud, Executive Director Claude Sumner, Deputy Director of Community Services Danette McIntosh along with rep-



resentatives from Muscogee (Creek) Nation Language, Higher Education, Social Services, Citizenship and Human Development programs.

Along with presentations from each of the departments explaining services available to those living outside the Creek boundaries, Language instructors held a Mvskoke language class for children from 2-4 p.m., after everyone enjoyed a potluck lunch.

Acclaimed Creek author Billy Jane McIntosh traveled from Arizona to participate in the event where she and her son sold copies of her book detailing the life of Chilly McIntosh.

Participants also had the opportunity to enroll on the spot and update their tribal citizenship cards, by adding a color photo.

Executive Director Claude Sumner also reminded everyone of their opportunity to vote in the upcoming General and Special Elections set for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 where all registered voters will vote on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation constitutional amendments passed at the convention last year.

President of the California Creek Association, Eli Grayson, also addressed the participants, urging them to become active not only in their own tribal government, but also in the U.S. government by contacting perspective state representatives and senators as well.

"The tribes have a lot of power today and members of Congress need to hear from them," Grayson stated.

For more information on the California Creek Association, contact Eli Grayson at (760) 534-1632.

President Obama to meet with tribal leaders from across the nation

by Angel Ellis
MNN Senior Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C., —As part of President Obama's sustained outreach to the Native communities, the administration has invited the leaders from the federally-recognized tribes across the nation to attend a conference at the White House to be held on Nov. 5, 2009.

This conference will provide leaders from all 564 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and representatives from the highest levels of his Administration.

Each federally-recognized tribe will

be invited to send one representative to the conference. While the attempt to connect with tribal leaders is commendable, it has some Native Americans wondering how much good can really come from such a large-scale meeting.

To have the opportunity to sit down with the President and discuss some of the most pressing issues for Native Americans is undoubtedly long overdue, but whether or not this conference can be any more useful than a public relations effort is yet to be determined.



All precincts open for Nov. 7, 2009 General and Special Election

Media Release
MCN Election Board

OKMULGEE — General and Special Elections are set for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. During the General Election, the National Council candidates and the Constitutional Amendments will included on the same ballot.

Precinct Registration will be open for the election until Oct. 28, 2009 at 5 p.m. Voters planning to vote with their precinct need to be registered by that deadline in order to vote. Absentee ballots will be mailed on October 19, 2009.

For more information, contact the MCN Election Board Office at (918) 732-7684.



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The District Court filings from August 2009 are as follows (continued from October MNN):

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| Kelli Burch v. Jimmy Burch | Divorce |

Michael Bevenue v. Kameron Bevenue
Michael Tiger v. Josie Tiger
Annette Johnson v. Brandon Johnson
Wendell Harjo v. Angellica Harjo
Denise Franks v. Ray Franks

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Family Domestic:

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OCSE, ex rel., Belinda Long v. Andrew Long
OCSE, ex rel., Tiffany Lees v. Kevin Lees
OCSE, ex rel., Rebekah Hurt v. Kary Bain
OCSE, ex rel., Barbara McGuire v. Patricia McCall
OCSE, ex rel., Felicia Lawrence v. Michael Williams
OCSE, ex rel., Danita Fields v. Steven Bluebird
OCSE, ex rel., Angel Mills v. Brandon Ogburn
OCSE, ex rel., Shelly Ballard v. Tommy Ballard
OCSE, ex rel., Chia Kong v. Shing Xiong
OCSE, ex rel., Yua Lo v. Sor Xiong
OCSE, ex rel., Amber Burgess v. Charles Jordan
OCSE, ex rel., Dena Webb v. Benjamin Webb
OCSE, ex rel., Jenna Leitka v. Michael Tiger

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

A.K.G.; DOB: 06-05-09

Alleged Deprived Children

Case No. JV-2009-06

HANDY JUKICH
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Anthonette Grayson
1511 S.E. 64th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73149

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named child is a deprived child and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 15th day of December, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 A.m. for an Adjudication Hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 28th day of Sept, 2009.

Sobie King
Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

[Seal]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

T.H., DOB: 08-21-02

J.H., DOB: 02-08-05

A.H., DOB: 08-21-06

Case No JV-2009-02

HANDY JUKICH
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

Alleged Deprived Children

Notice of Hearing and Order to Appear

Muscogee (Creek) Nation to: Unknown Father of Jeremiah Harley

You are hereby notified that a Termination hearing has been set in the above-styled case for the 8th day of December, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

You are ordered to appear at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Muscogee Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma at the date and time set.

FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

PATRICK E. MOORE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Plaintiff,

v.

Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and no/100th

Defendant.

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Case No. CV 2009-135

HANDY JUKICH
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

AMENDED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: James Shivers, P.O. Box 110, Holdenville, OK 74848; and all others claiming an interest in the above described property.

You are hereby notified that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has seized and intends to forfeit the above described property under the provisions of MCNCA Title 21 §, 11-106, et seq.

Said property was seized on or about the 5th day of August, 2009, from said James Shivers and forfeiture is sought for the reason that said defendant had money in his possession along with illegal drugs in separate baggies indicative of the sale of illegal drugs;

The owner, claimant or other party in interest may file a verified answer and claim to the above named property within forty-five days of notice after which time the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will move the Court for an Order of Forfeiture for said property.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett E. Gray
Brett E. Gray, Assistant Prosecutor

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

A.H., DOB: 08-23-1998

F.H., DOB: 09-29-1995

Z.H., DOB: 03-10-2001

J.H., DOB: 07-28-2002

Case No. JV-2007-03

HANDY JUKICH
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

Alleged Deprived Children

Notice of Hearing and Order to Appear

Muscogee (Creek) Nation to: Andrea Little

You are hereby notified that a Termination hearing has been set in the above-styled case for the 8th day of December, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

You are ordered to appear at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Muscogee Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma at the date and time set.

FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

PATRICK E. MOORE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Council Oak Tree Ceremony set for Saturday, Oct. 24



Ruth Bible
MNN Cultural Reporter

TULSA — At 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, Mvskoke people will come together once again to celebrate the historic meeting held at Council Oak each year helping to remind citizens of the struggles and successes the Nation has survived in the past.

The Council Oak Tree, located across the street from the new Stickball Park, remains a lasting symbol of the city's Native American history and like the Creek ceremonial grounds, the tree has withstood a few storms over the last century, but remains strong.

In 1832, tribes living in the southeast begun their forced migration from Alabama under orders from the U.S. government.

In 1836, a group of Creeks, along with members from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Chickasaw

and Seminole tribes, found the end of their Trail of Tears. As they sought shelter under an expansive oak tree near the Arkansas River, the Creeks decided to make this piece of Indian Territory their own, lighting a ceremonial fire and naming the land "Tallahassee" or "Tulsi."

Both the park and the tree are often referred to as Tulsa's first city hall. The Tulsa-Lochapoka no longer exist today, however, the site continues to be the annual meeting place of the sixteen remaining ceremonial grounds including Alabama, Arbeka, Duck Creek, Fish Pond, Green Leaf, Hickory Ground, Hillabee, Kellyville (Pole Cat), New Tulsa, Nuyaka, Okfuskee, Peach Ground, Sand Creek (Iron Post), Tallahassee Cromwell, Tallahassee Wykokaye and Weogufkee.

Tulsa Indian Community Princess applications due Oct. 23

Media Release
Tulsa Indian Community

TULSA — The Tulsa Indian Community will be electing a Princess to represent them as the 2009-2010 Princess, candidates will be expected to be a role model and voice for creek youth.

Qualifications listed below include:

- Female between 15-21 years of age. If in school must have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher
- No tobacco or alcohol use of any kind
- Must be a Creek citizen and

live in Tulsa Creek boundaries

- Must not be married or have children

- Must not be involved with any unlawful acts

- Must own or have access to tribal regalia

Elected Princess will receive: Beaded crown, Sash, Plaque w/ picture, Flowers, Gift Cards, Cash Prize Applications may be picked up Tulsa Creek Indian Community, it must be returned by Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. Please contact TCIC for more

Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative hosting Youth Art Contest

Media Release
Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative is holding a Youth Art Contest. Youth ages 21 and under are encouraged to submit artwork showing the spiritual and physical health benefits of traditional Mvskoke foods and games.

The art contest is divided into four categories: Child (ages 6 and under), Youth (ages 7-11), Teen (ages 12-18) and Adult (ages 19-21). The arts can be either a drawing, photograph, painting or other artwork size 8 1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17."

Submissions must be received by 9 a.m., Nov. 3, 2009 in either PDF, JPEG or hard copy. Artists or their parents must sign a release form in order for MFSI to be able to display the art.

Mail, e-mail or drop-off entries at: MFSI 208 West 6th Street, Okmulgee Okla, 74447, info@mvskeokefood.org. Winners will be announced during the Harvest Feast on Nov. 6, 2009.

For more information contact MFSI at (918) 756-5915 or at: Mvskeokefood@gmail.com.

Committee Meetings

Business / Governmental

Steve Bruner - Chairman
Pete Beaver - Vice-Chair
Larry Cahwee
Selina Jayne-Dornan
David Nichols
Travis Scott
Paula Willits

Meetings: Thursday prior to Planning Session at 6 p.m., in the Council chambers.

Tribal Affairs

Bill S. Fife - Chairman
Sam Alexander - Vice-Chair
David Hill
Adam Jones
Eddie LaGrone
Carmin Tecumseh

Meetings: Third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., in the Council chambers.

Human Development

Johnnie Greene - Chairman
Darrell Proctor - Vice Chair
Shirlene Ade
Ron Cleghorn
James Jennings
Keeper Johnson

Meetings: 1st Monday at 7 p.m., in the Council chambers.

Community Services / Cultural

Cherrah Quiett - Chairman
Roger Barnett- Vice Chair
Terrie Anderson
Robert Hufftt
Kara Medina
Lena Wind

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers.

MOVIE NIGHT!



ATTN: UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERANS

In Honor of Muscogee Veterans
the VASO will be hosting
"MOVIE NIGHT"

(Thursday, 12 Nov 2009)

**To Celebrate The Birth Month Of The United States Marine Corps
(10 November 1775)**

- Showtime - 1800 Hrs. - Thursday, 15 October 2009
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - **WINDTALKERS (with Adam Beach and Nicholas Cage)**
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
- Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
- Smoking Lamp is Lit

- Price of Admission - Marine Corps Veterans must wear their MCN Veterans Vest (If you do not have a vest bring in your DD-214 to be measured for a MCN Veterans vest).
- Muscogee Marine Corps Veterans are now allowed to bring one guest (Please limit to only one guest)
 - "Movie Night" is for Muscogee Veterans only (Plus one guest)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745



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Children Safety Tips:

- Plan your route and share with your family. Have an adult go with you.
- Wear light-colored clothing or reflective tape so that you are visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards and brooms too!)
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Cross corners only at corners.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low flying brooms.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Visit homes that have the porch lights on.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable)
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Be cautious of strangers and animals.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are choking hazard for young children.

Community Calendar

• **2009 OIC Pink Party**
OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Indian Health Center is preparing for the 2009 "Pink Party, breast cancer awareness event. The seventh annual party will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 1p.m. to 4p.m., at Covelle hall, OSU Institute of Technology (OSU-Okmulgee).

The keynote speaker will be Ms. Gilbert. Ms. Gilbert is a member of the Tewa Tribe and is also a breast cancer survivor.

The Pink Party is open to everyone and in addition to quest speakers there will be information booths, refreshments, and door prizes. Registration for the Pink Party will be on-site only and begins at 12p.m.

The goal of the Pink Party is to heighten awareness, early detection and treatment of breast cancer and support to breast cancer survivors. Breast cancer survivors will have a special registration area. For more information about the Pink Party, call the Okmulgee Indian Health Care Center at (918) 758-1926.

• Dewar Indian Community hosts Creek language classes

DEWAR — Dewar Indian Community is currently hosting Creek language classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m., at the Dewar Indian Community Center located at 212 N. Luella in Dewar, Okla.

For more information please call (918) 652-3310 or the MCN Language Program at (918) 732-7724.

• Montesoma Baptist Church to host revival

HAYDONVILLE — The Montesoma Baptist Church in Haydonville, Okla. is having a revival on Nov. 13 through Nov. 15. Weekday revival begins at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday revival begins at 11a.m.

The evangelist will be Gary Hawkins. Those who need a ride can contact (918)-623-9126.

• Eufaula Indian Community to host Fall Festival Oct. 29

EUFAULA — The Eufaula Indian Community is hosting a Halloween Skate Party Thursday, Oct. 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at The Rink located at 800 Birkes Road in Eufaula, Okla.

For more information please contact Lisa Floyd (918) 689-5066.

Muscogee royalty showcase culture and class

• Miss Muscogee Rochelle Werito gives an update on her 2009-2010 reign

Rochell Werito

Miss Muscogee Nation

STILLWATER — Hensci! I want to start by saying I have had a busy couple of months and loved every minute of it. I have had the honor of traveling our beautiful state and representing the Muscogee Nation at numerous events.

The Muscogee Creek Nation royalty were invited to the Choctaw Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Seminole Nation, and Okemah Indian Community Fall Festival pageants. We were able to attend these events and learn about other cultures while watching the ladies compete to hold their respective titles.

I would like to wish each title holder congratulations and have a wonderful reign. I also would like to encourage the other contestants to never give up. I had the pleasure of meeting each of the new royalty and had the chance to take a group picture with the Miss Seminole, Miss Choctaw, Miss Cherokee, and Miss Chickasaw.

I love seeing these luminous young women when we cross paths at different events. The MCN royalty were invited to be in the Sucker Day and Weleetka Pride Day Parades and

attended a National Council meeting July, 25, 2009.

We were asked to be in Miss Cherrah Ridge-Quitt's special as she was honored as Head Lady at the IICOT powwow on August 22, 2009. It was amazing to be asked to be with her during that time. She is an awesome role model for me and other young women. I was able to be in attendance at the 6th annual Churches Meeting, and perform the Lord's Prayer in sign language. I was also blessed to be able to travel to Macon, Georgia and be where our ancestors once lived. It was an incredible ex-

perience to be a part of because as a young Creek woman I need to soak up as much knowledge of who I am by taking the time to learn more and more about my people.



The beauty of the land captivated me and I hope everyone gets a chance to see what I did. We, MCN royalty, all love being able to represent the Muscogee Nation as Good Will Ambassadors, and I learn new things about my fellow royalty each time we are

together. As we continue to build our bond we find that we are family and I am thankful everyday for having them in my life. I am thankful for

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, the National Council, pageant committee and the Muscogee Nation for giving me all the opportunities to travel as Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Last, I would like to say MVTO to Mr. Marcus Proctor for being the best chaperone, and for helping me with everything.

I am a student at Oklahoma State University, and I know the pressures of exams and deadlines. I would like to wish ALL students good luck in all you do throughout this 2009-2010 academic school year.

I would also like to encourage high school seniors to start looking for scholarships for higher education opportunities, and begin to look for schools that have programs/degrees that you are interested in. If you need help or have questions make an appointment to see your counselor at your school. You can do anything you put your mind to!

Mvto. Cehecvres.

Rochell Werito

Miss Muscogee Nation
2009-2010

Get the facts!



FORENSIC AUDIT REPORTS of the Bristow, Checotah, Duck Creek, Eufaula, Holdenville & Okemah Indian Communities



**Bring your
Citizenship card to the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
District Court Office and request your
FREE copy TODAY!!**

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Okemah MCN Dental Clinic update

Dental Clinic utilizes technical and human resources

Sandra Peters
MCN Health Systems

OKEMAH — Dr. Vicki Harless, DDS, supervises a team of professionals who were ready to be at work for their citizens. Assisting Dr. Harless are Jodi Danker, Office Coordinator, Vickie Quinn RDH, and Dental Assistants, Jackie Buckley, Alison Scott, Vickie Martin and Kimberly Edwards. Staff personnel were anxious for the move to the new facility.

Health Division computer technicians set up the computer programs and phone systems so that staff would be operable for appointments and scheduling August 17th. With state-of-the-art equipment and six dental station chairs the facility has room for growth.

The new clinic also has two operatory areas, an X-ray room, an on-site lab and a patient consultation room. Paid for with third-party billing funds from the Health Division, the facility is a beautiful addition to the City of Okemah on the corner of Columbia and 16th Street.

The interior design is Tuscan-themed and includes Okemah's Historical Society and private collection photographs and prints. Publicly-never-seen-before portraits depict Okemah's early Indian Territorial days and Oklahoma statehood scenes were painstakingly chosen to heighten the sense of Muscogee history and awareness in the waiting areas.

The clinic offers a number of routine dental services including oral exams and cancer screenings, treatment planning, cleaning, X-



Pictured above are staff members of the Okemah Indian Dental Clinic which held its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this year in August 2009.

rays, sealants and fluoride treatments for cavity prevention, diabetic screening, head start exams and oral hygiene instructions.

Other services include treatment for gum disease, fillings, limited root canal treatments, emergency services and tooth extractions. The new facility was given a special prayer and dedication by David Dunson, Assistant to Second Chief Alfred Berryhill at its Grand Opening. David spoke of the history of the Muscogee People

and their sacrifice concerning land. His prayer honored our Creator God and God's hand of mercy and protection over what we plan and build as a Nation.

Okemah Dental Clinic funding was approved by the MCN National Council. Lena Wind, Okfuskee District, gave an overview at the opening ceremonies of the legislative process that brought the Okemah Indian Dental Clinic into existence.

To help complete the work of the

grand opening other National Council Reps., Shirlene Ade, Tukvpvtce District, Bill Fife and Travis Scott, Okfuskee District, Terrie Anderson and James Jennings, Okmulgee District, Roger Barnett from Creek District, Speaker Thomas Yahola and other MCN Administration cut the ribbon to officially open the clinic.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the clinic at (918) 623-3016 or (918) 623-3018 during working hours.

Community Calendar

Hanna Indian Community to host Fall Festival Oct. 23

HANNA — Hanna Indian Community is having a Fall Festival Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the community center located two miles east of the post office.

There will be a hayride, games, costume contest, and lots of fun activities for the kids.

For more information, please call (918) 657-2641.

Native Cinema Showcase set for Nov. 5-8

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Native Cinema Showcase will be Nov. 5-8, and is co-presented by the American Indian Cultural Center & Museum and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Screenings will take place at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, located at 415 Couch Drive (Downtown), in Oklahoma City. Members will be charged \$5.00, adults: \$8.00, seniors (65+): \$6.00, college students (with ID): \$6.00.

For more information, please call (405) 236-3100 or visit: <http://www.okcmoa.com>

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

Roll Number: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Theme of the party: _____

Parents: _____

Siblings: _____

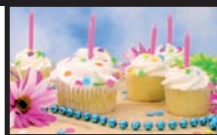
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School: _____

Clan: _____

Tribal Town: _____



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Roll Number: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

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Address: _____

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Parents: _____

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Announcements:

Roll Number: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parents: _____

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Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____

Clan: _____

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Please attach announcement



PLEASE SEND PHOTO(S) To: MCN Communications Dept. • P.O. Box 580 • Okmulgee, OK 74447

Community Calendar

• All-Indian Rodeo Play Day set for Oct. 24

OKMULGEE — On Sat. Oct. 24, 2009 the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bob Arrington Arena in Okmulgee will be hosting the All Indian Rodeo Play Day.

The event is sponsored by the Arrington-McSpadden Rodeo Association. The Play Day will begin at 1 p.m. Participants must have paid entry fees by noon and must be 12 years old or younger.

Club fees are \$5.00, with open fees at \$25.00 and gate fees at \$2.00. There will also be a concession stand on-site. Club competitions will be done first with open competitions done second. Participants will be competing in poles, barrels and flags.

For more information, contact Martha Calico at (918) 696-7953 or fax at (918) 696-4750.

• 13th annual Euchee Heritage Festival

GLENPOOL — The Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center will be the location of the 13th Annual Euchee Heritage Festival on November 6 & 7, 2009. The Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center is located on Highway 75 and 141st Street.

The Festival will kick off on Friday, Nov. 6 with a Traditional Meal (\$6 for adults, \$3 for 8 years and under) followed by Bingo at 8 pm.

Saturdays festivities will begin at 1 pm with a welcome and horseshoe tournament, 2pm to 5 pm Cultural Arts and at 7:30 a Stomp Dance.

For Vendor information contact Wanda at 918-224-3065.

• Tulsa Indian Community to host Halloween Carnival for Oct. 22

TULSA — Tulsa Indian Community is hosting a Halloween Carnival Thursday, October 22, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Admission fee is a canned food item. There will be prizes for the following contests: Costume, Cake-Decorating, Pumpkin-Carving, and coloring.

The center is located at 8611 S. Union Ave., in Tulsa, Okla. For more information, please call (918) 298-2646.

NAAV forms new executive board

• Creek citizens named Executive Director and Vice-President

by Renee Brewer
Native Alliance Against Violence

OKMULGEE — In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, President Obama also released a proclamation reminding citizens of the importance of this issue.

"Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance. A family's home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness, and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner, a child witnesses the abuse of a loved one, or a senior is victimized by family members. Since the 1994 passage of the landmark Violence Against Women Act, championed by the Senator Joe Biden, our Nation has strengthened its response to this crime and increased services for victims. Still, far too many women and families in this country and around the world are affected by domestic violence. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to ending violence within our homes, our communities, and our country."

The Native Alliance Against Violence recently completed the first board training last week with First Nations from Longmont, Col. They uploaded their novation to OVW and are now a fully-functioning coalition. Locally, the organization's Executive Director and Creek citizen Renee Brewer said she is excited to take on the challenge and work with tribal Nations to put a stop to violence.

"I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the future and hope to build long standing



Photograph courtesy of Shawn Partridge

Pictured above are (front row left to right): Shawn Partridge, Dawn Stover, Renee Brewer, Jason O'Neal, (back row): Shelley Miller, Kelly Stoner, Heather Napier, Karen Gaddis, Kimberly Stephens and Dee Killion.

respectful relationships. These wonderful and committed individuals who have agreed to dedicate their time and expertise to ensure that Oklahoma Indian Country is represented in a fashion that will be helpful, respectful and culturally appropriate, while building and developing partnering members," Brewer said.

The following are members of the new NAAV Board: Shawn Partridge, Vice-President (Muscogee (Creek) Nation) Case Manager Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Dawn Stover, Treasurer (Cherokee) ORCPI Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute, Renee Brewer (Muscogee (Creek)), NAAV

Executive Director, Jason O'Neal, President (Citizen Potawatomi) Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief, Shelley Miller, Secretary (Kiowa) Director Apache Tribe of Oklahoma DV Program, Kelly Stoner, Legal Advisory Board Member (Cherokee) Director Native American Legal Resource Center, Heather Napier, Regional Board Member (Seminole) Director Seminole Nation DV Program, Karen Gaddis, Regional Board Member (Cherokee) Manager Chickasaw Nation DV Program, Kimberly Stephens, Regional Board Member (Seminole), Director Absentee Shawnee Tribe DV Program, Dee Killion, Regional Board Member (Quapaw)

Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma.

Board members not in the photo above include: Linda Goodwin, Regional Board Member (Choctaw) Director Choctaw Nation DV Program Center; Casey Ross-Petherick, Legal Advisory Board Member (Cherokee) Deputy Director Native American Legal Resource Center.

On October 28, 2009 the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program is having a Domestic Violence Survivors Panel at the Mound building from 11 a.m.-noon.

The public is welcome to come and listen to the speakers..

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Special offer for Creek Nation Tribal Members

Discounted Price on Propane •
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Normal tank lease charge is \$80 per year on a 500 gallon tank
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Am I eligible for this program?

The tribal member must live in our service area
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James Parker - Account Manager
Cell Phone: 918-277-2470



Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Assistance Program Receipt **DO'S** and **DON'TS**

DO:

- Turn in receipts within 90 days of the check issuance date.
- Turn in ALL ORIGINAL receipts.
- Turn in receipts that total the amount of your check.
- Legibly print parents name, child's name and your phone number on the back of each receipt.
- Make sure all receipts are dated AFTER the check issuance date.
- Make sure all receipts have a date printed on them.

DON'T: Turn in receipts late.

- Cut the date off of the receipts.
- Write or mark on the front of the receipts.
- Turn in only partial receipts.
- Combine clothing purchases on the same receipts that you purchase other items on. Clothing items should be all that is on the receipts.
- Send cash, check, money orders or coins, etc. in with your receipts.

For questions or additional information, contact:
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
School Clothing Program
918-756-2024 or 800-482-1979

Be Aware of the Scare of Secondhand Smoke!

SECONDHAND SMOKE (SHS) MEANS:

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☠ IT CAN CAUSE HEART DISEASE

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Did you know

When you inhale secondhand smoke you breathe in the same 4,000 chemicals (50 cancer causing chemicals) as smokers do. Even breathing in a little can hurt! Some effects from secondhand smoke are temporary, but others can last a lifetime. Young or old, sick or healthy, secondhand smoke is harmful.

Take a stand to protect yourself, your family & Protect our Native Youth Against Commercial Tobacco Abuse! Figure out the Cryptogram below to find out another secondhand smoke fact.

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Community Calendar

• Annual Memorial Gospel Singing

OKMULGEE — Little Cussetah Indian United Methodist Church will hold its annual Memorial Gospel Singing on Saturday Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.

Nathan (Wahoo) Buck will MC the event. All singers and listeners are welcome to attend. Concession is available.

Revival is being held Nov. 18-20 beginning at 7 p.m.

• Bemo Indian Baptist church Creek Singing

TULSA — In celebration of the life, birthday, and retirement of Rena Belle Buck. Oct. 31, 2009, Creek singing and Presentation held from 2p.m. to 5 p.m., with dinner following the singing presentation. Guests are invited to bring your favorite covered dish.

The church is located North of Bixby, South of Tulsa at 131st St., and Memorial. Follow signs.

• Creek Chapel Methodist Church Revival

OKEMAH — Revival to be held on Oct. 21-24 at 7 p.m. The event will feature Rev. Andrew Johnson on Wednesday, Rev. Mitchell Taylor on Thursday, Rev. Fred Lowe on Friday and Rev. George Harjochee on Saturday.

Refreshments will be available every night and the church is located three miles south on Hwy 27, turn left four and a half miles east.

• Relay for Life meeting "Chebon's Warriors"

OKMULGEE — All those interested in participating in raising funds, donating or volunteering on "Chebon's Warriors" team are welcome to attend the first meeting scheduled for Nov. 28, 2009 at 1p.m. In memory of Wilbur Chebon Gouge, the team will participate in the Relay for Life which raises money to fight cancer.

Those interested in helping the cause can contact Nancy Deere at (918)-756-4272 for more information. The meeting will be held at 1310 N. Alabama, in Okmulgee, Okla.

Tell us why you're a drug-free teen!

SAPULPA — HEY TEENS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have you done something great in your school or community to promote being DRUG FREE? Submit your story in 150 words or less by October 25, 2009 via e-mail to: Jessica.seachris@creekhealth.org or by mail to :

Jessica Seachris
Youth Coordinator
MCN Children's Mental Health Initiative
9 N. Water, Ste. 104
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Winners will have their story printed in the next edition of the *Muscogee Nation News*!

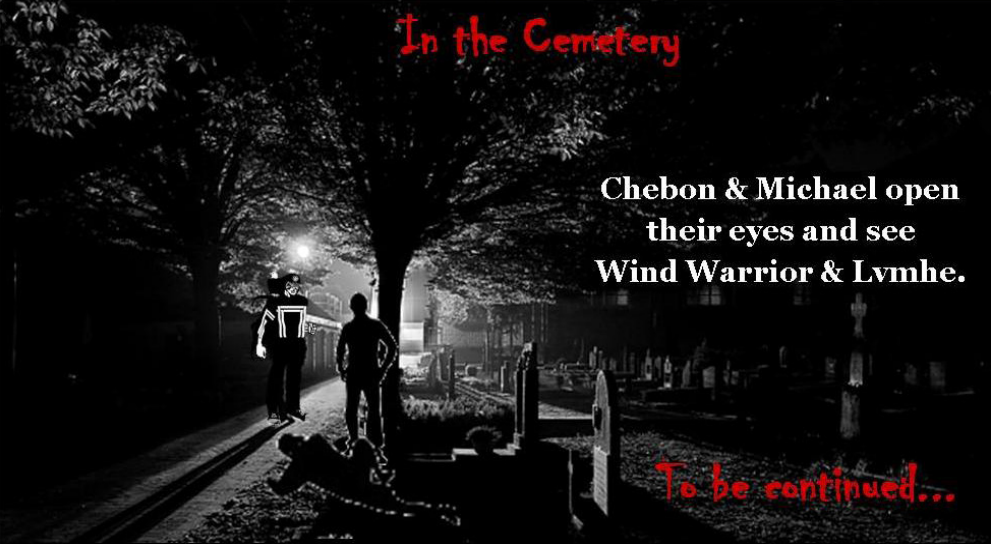
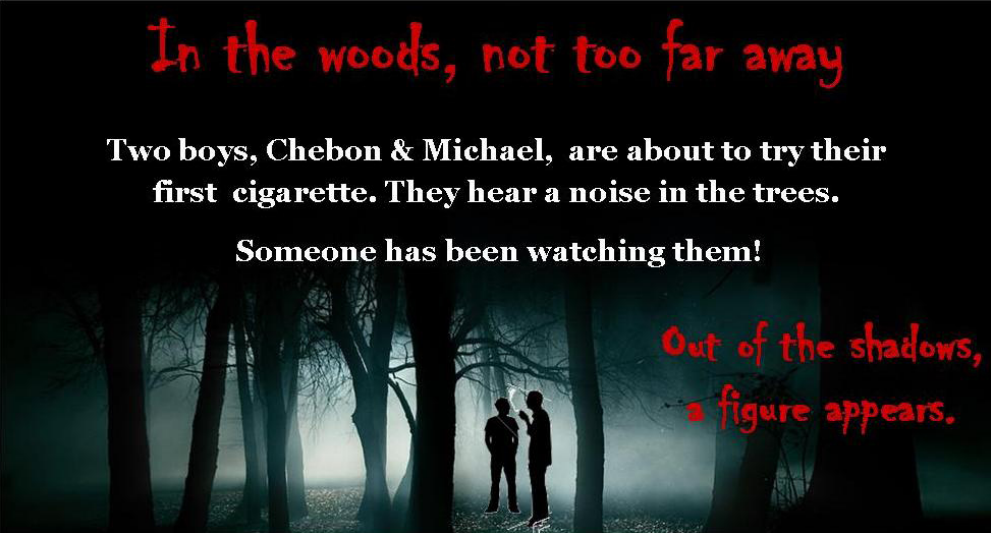
Here are a couple of ways YOU can say no when confronted with drugs and or alcohol in celebration of National Red Ribbon Week Oct. 17-25, 2009.

- Say, "No, thanks." It really can be that easy!
- Be a broken record. Tell your child to keep saying no as many times as it takes someone to stop pressuring them, or to stall until they can think of something else to say.
- Give a reason. For example, "That's bad for you" or "I don't want to do that; it will make me sick." Make sure your child can say this with confidence.
- Walk away or ignore the offer. This doesn't work in all situations. Sometimes your child will be alone or in some other situation where they can't just walk away.
- Change the subject or suggest doing something else. By saying, "Let's do _____ instead," your child has the potential to not only refuse the offer of drugs or alcohol, but to prevent a friend from using also.
- Assert Yourself. If your child can stick up for themselves, they are learning important life skills. Distributed by the ODMHSAS Prevention Resource Center

For additional help or information, please contact the MCN Children's Mental Health Initiative at (918) 224-9307.



It was a dark Halloween night and children were out trick or treating...



Halloween safety tips from Office of Childcare

Media Release
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Child Care

OKMULGEE—Although Halloween can be an exciting time for children, it can also be dangerous. Spend time before the holiday to discuss some important safety and injury prevention topics with children. Share these safety suggestions from the American Red Cross with the children in your area.

- Remember to walk, slither or waddle on sidewalks, not in the streets.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, or a low flying broomstick.
- Cross the street only at the corners, traffic is usually slower at intersections and try to use a crosswalk when available.
- Never hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective clothing so you are more visible at night. Put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, or props like brooms if the child is going to be carrying one.
- Plan your route and share it with other members of the family. If possible have an adult with children.
- Carry a flashlight to light the way. Do not depend on street lighting or natural light, especially on a cloudy evening.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. While costumes require flame retardant materials, some decorations such as candle lit jack-o'-lanterns may still pose a hazard, particularly for curious young children who like to touch.
- If you must trick or treat in neighborhoods you are not familiar with, only visit those homes which are well lit.
- Accept treats at the door. Remind children that they should never go into a stranger's house. This time of year is a good time to sit down and refresh the memory of children about stranger danger.
- When planning those spooky or heroic costumes, try to use face paints rather than masks. Poorly fitted masks can be a hazard. Children need to be able to look both ways at streets, have adequate peripheral vision and unimpeded mobility as they trick or treat.
- Remind children to be cautious of animals as they make their way through the neighborhood.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating making sure that treats are unopened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

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